Hans A. Bethe on 25 April 1997 wrote to urge President Bill Clinton to ban investigating "new types of nuclear weapons, such as pure-fusion weapons." But Russia has already been testing relatively clean tactical neutron bombs (using isentropic compression of lithium deuteride). And, as the Novichok scandal proved, Russia doesn't abide Western "bans". It does whatever it wants in secret, persecutes any whistle-blowers into corpses or dissidents, and uses any weapons it likes, using lies to appear honest (to the gullible arms controllers).

DYSON VERSUS BETHE:

" "Until now," [Freeman] Dyson says, "we have had two essentially different types of nuclear weapons, the fission bomb and the hydrogen bomb," which requires a fission bomb to ignite it. Clearly needed: a third-generation H-bomb that could be detonated by cheap TNT instead of costly fission. The Soviets have been experimenting with such fission-free H-bombs since as far back as 1952, Lenin-Prize-winning Soviet Physicist L. S. Artsimo-vich wrote in a Soviet scientific journal in 1958. If the Soviets perfect the process (or have done so already), they could afford to mass-produce nuclear warheads that would be cheaper, cleaner, lighter, more easily maneuverable than current-generation nuclear weapons.

"The only wise policy for the U.S. at present is to continue the exploration of nuclear weapons technology, including the testing of weapons, until a reliable international control is established . . . The moral dilemma facing the designers of weapons today is not essentially different from that which faced the builders of the fission bomb in 1943 and the builders of the hydrogen bomb in 1951. You discover that a new and horrible kind of weapon can be made. Either you make it yourself, or you leave it to chance to decide who makes it. It would be wrong for us to leave the future development of nuclear weapons to chance. Our development and possession of these weapons will help maintain the stability of the world until, in the fullness of time, we can hand over all such devilish inventions to an international authority powerful enough to prevent their abuse." "

- "National Affairs: The New Threat", TIME MAGAZINE, Apr. 4, 1960, https://content.time.com/time/subscriber/article/0,33009,869427,00.html